

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday 29th March

9.30am Mens Breakfast Viking Lounge

11am Hospital visitation

4.30 Confessions; 5.30 Vigil Mass

Sunday 30th March 4th Sunday Lent (C)

9am & 11am Mass (Children's liturgy)

After 11am Mass - Tea Bar

5.30pm Evening Mass with Scrutiny for RCIA

Monday 31st March

10am Parish Mass

10.45 Faith Sharing Group (Chapel House)

10.30 TWMM Breakfast Club at Foodbank

11am Funeral appointments

1pm Funeral appointments

7pm Meditation Group (Oratory)

7pm Fabric & Finance Group (meeting room)

Tuesday 1st April

10am Parish Mass

10.30am - 2.30 Adoration of Bl. Sacrament

12noon - 3pm Tuesday Club

4pm - 7pm Administration meeting

7pm RCIA session (house)

Wednesday 2nd April

10am Parish Mass with St Blane's PS

3pm Seasons of Growth (Maryhill Ruchill PC)

6pm Wake for Joe Sherriiffs

Thursday 3rd April

10am Eucharistic service

10am Funeral Mass Joe Sherriiffs RIP

10.30 - 2pm The Maccy Caffy

11.30 NO Faith sharing group today

5pm RCIA mini-group meeting

7.30pm Newman Association (see inside)

Friday 4th April

10am Funeral Mass; Frank Currie RIP

10.45 No faith Sharing Group today

Saturday 5th April

4.30 Confessions; 5.30 Vigil Mass

Book of Condolence

for the family of Amen Teklay, taken tragically, so they know they're not forgotten. Please get these back **today!** We'll also make a parish donation of £1000 in your name for funeral costs.



events

Day of Confessions for Lent: Priest will be available to hear Confessions all day, from 9am - 5pm, in St Andrew's Cathedral on Friday 11th April.

Junior Easter Golf Camp 7th - 11th April. See poster in porch for full details

Newman Association: CAAD (Campaign Against Assisted Dying) - A group presentation by three members of CAAD, The Parish Hall, Immaculate Conception Church, 2049 Maryhill Road, Glasgow, G20 0AA at 7.30pm on Thursday 3rd April 2025. All welcome. Refreshments provided.

Aid to the Church in Need: 'Courage to be Catholic'. Sat 29th March, Royal Concert Hall, 9.30am - 4pm. Meet reps of Scottish organisations; www.trybooking.com/uk/

Not Dead Yet From 2nd April, you will receive postcards to send to their MPs from a disability campaign group called "Not Dead Yet UK". These postcards ask MPs to vote against assisted suicide in the parliamentary vote at Third Reading.

Jesuits produce a lovely magazine on their ministry. Free copies in the porch.



THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, MARYHILL



Today is SCIAF Sunday and the most important collection of the year. SCIAF is also a "senior citizen" - its 60th birthday year! It is a senior citizen in its experience, wisdom and outreach to the whole world on our behalf. Its our aid agency, so let's dig real deep! Thank you!



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)
"LAETARE SUNDAY"
"In this parish, all are welcome, none are judged"
Holy Year of Jubilee, 2025



4th Sunday of Lent

1st reading: Joshua 5:9,10 - 12.

The people of God enter the promised land and keep Passover

Response to Psalm 34

Taste and see that the Lord is good

2nd reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 17 - 21

God reconciles us to God's own self in Christ

Gospel: Luke 15; 1 - 3; 11 - 32

The Prodigal Son

St John Paul II reflects on this weekend's Gospel



The merciful father in the parable possesses and transcends all the traits of fatherhood and motherhood. In throwing himself on his son's neck, he resembles a mother who caresses her son and surrounds him with her warmth. In the light of this revelation of the face and heart of God the Father the mystery of "home-coming" wonderfully expresses the encounter between the Father and humanity, between mercy and misery, in a circle of love that touches not only the son who was lost, but is extended to all. The invitation to the banquet which the father extends to the elder son implies the heavenly Father's exhortation to all the members of the human family to be merciful as well. The experience of God's fatherhood implies the acceptance of "brotherhood", precisely because God is the Father, even of our erring brother.

(To read the whole reflection see www.va. September 8th 1999)

GAZA CEASE FIRE NOW

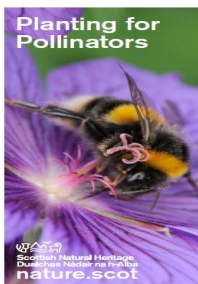
Gaza Ceasefire. Pope Francis has again called for a final ceasefire to be reached as Israel has resumed bombing Gaza and cut off food, fuel, electricity and humanitarian aid; join the 416,000 calling for a permanent ceasefire: <https://www.oxfam.org.uk/get-involved/campaign-with-oxfam/>.

Encounter with Refugees. This fourth Sunday of Lent JRS focusses on their work in Italy, where in 2024 more than 66,000 people arrived via the Mediterranean, the deadliest migration route in the world; ideas to pray, fast and give alms; CTRL click: 2025 Lenten resource_ENG_Final.

Say No to Aid Cuts. Reducing the UK's international aid budget from 0.5% to 0.3% of our national income means that in some of the most vulnerable places on earth, more people will die and many more will lose their livelihoods; email your MP to say no: <https://campaign.sciaf.org.uk/aidcuts>.

The Cost of Cuts. The UK government plans to cut £4.8 billion from disability benefits but 34% of children living in a family where someone has a disability are living in poverty because of extra costs; CPAG asks us to sign SCOPE's petition: CTRL click: cost of cuts | Disability charity Scope UK.

Help Scotland's Pollinators. Scotland's bees, hoverflies etc. play a crucial role in our food and farming industries, but are in trouble; help by growing pollinator-friendly plants, creating habitats to provide shelter, mowing less; info: CTRL click: Pollinators - get busy - get involved! | NatureScot.



Fabric & Finance group Grateful to those who will create a new group to advise on big (and small) jobs in the parish. 1st meeting of is Monday, 31st March 7pm (Fin 8.30 max). Full description of projects and works for all our building and grounds. Please collect this form the sacristy after Mass



RCIA Each Sunday approaching Easter there is a specific short rite at the 5.30 Mass for those who will be received at Easter. (These are called the scrutinies)

Confirmation thanks to our schools, our musicians & servers & our 40 young people (+ 14 from St Gregorys) We're indebted to Frances for admin and Pauline, Laura, Donna, Isobel & Merlyn for catechesis.



Prayer books 2 baskets (beside hymn books) - prayer books & aids to reflection if you're visiting for adoration or at other times. Please use these and return after.

Hall Repair Hall roof needs significant repairs; moss removal, tile & soffit replacements (several damaged areas) Confident to meet this expense from general running costs. New Fabric group will look at this.

Laudato Si Garden Thanks to Jacqui & Pat who have taken on restoring and tidying the garden by the hall; looking great!

Seasons for Growth last gathering this week. Glad we have this running now. If you think you'd like to find out more or join next one, watch this space for info

First Communion will be celebrated on May 31st. Families who want to be put forward, need to be here. Watch out for Cat club reminder

Think Fete Please keep all donations coming



Faith sharing group for Lent Monday (led by Isobel) after Mass in Chapel house. Groups Thursday/Friday will NOT take place this week

SCIAF's Colombia appeal; thanks to all who c name and saw new SCIAF short documentary about this years appeal - peace building in Colombia. Thank you to Kathy for the donation of soup and of your donations for the poverty supper.

Taizé style prayer (now scheduled for April 8th) Please note change of date. Prayer, reflection & song in hall, followed by refreshments. Free night but dig deep for SCIAF's 60th.

Another SCIAF box? Filled already? Get another and share with family, colleagues - Scotland's aid agency!

On-line retreat Go to ISCglasgow.co.uk. Unfortunately all the hard copies are gone. Let us know if you have difficulty finding this

asap Are you clearing out & making space. We'll take anything (except clothes) for Fete - We are grateful for bottles coming in but we need more of these desperately asap. Sign up list is up this week for volunteering names.

Funerals. This week; Joe Sherriffs RIP (F 3rd April 10am - Lennoxton) Frank Currie RIP (F 4th April 10am), Susan Corbett RIP (F 7th April 10am) John Callaghan RIP (F 8th April 10am) Funeral of Alex McGinn RIP 9th April 10am) Phyllis Martin RIP, (F 15th April 10am) William Murphy RIP still TBA

Some important date changes; due to Easter holidays, we've had to rearrange our penitential service. This will now be on Tuesday 15th April. Last SCIAF event—Taize prayer—will be on 8th April at 7pm

Attempted Burglary at chapel house last Monday. Front door was smashed open at 6pm. Fr Jim was home and disturbed the intruder - nothing stolen or further damage. Need to look at doorbell cameras now.

Parish in May; Fr Jim's knee replacement surgery now scheduled for May 1st. He is working to arrange cover but things may be a bit ropy; flagging up now

Altar servers robes - arrived and grateful to those who ironed! Also to Tuesday Club for donation of £300 towards these.

Sunday T Bar regularly handing donations for parish upkeep; thank you so much!

